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AN
ACCOUNT
OF THE
PASSAGE of the
RHINE,

By his moſt Serene Highneſs Prince *Charles*
of *Lorraine* and *Baar*, on the 1ſt, 2d, and
3d of *July*, N. S.

As alſo ſome other important Advices from
Muſcovy and *Italy*.

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An Account of the Paſſage of the Rhine *by his moſt Serene Highneſs Prince* Charles *of* Lorraine *and* Baar, *brought to her moſt Serene Highneſs the Archdutcheſs General Governeſs of the Low Countries, the 6th of* July, *by the Count* de Roſiers, *Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of* Bernes, *dated at the Head Quarters at* Schreck, *the 3d of* July 1744.

AS ſoon as the Pontons, and the other Things neceſſary for Throwing Bridges over the *Rhine*, were ready, his moſt Serene Highneſs detached the Lieutenant General Count *Nadaſti* with a Body of Troops above *Philipsbourg*, the Lieutenant General Baron *Bernclau* with another below *Stockſtadt*, towards *Weiſenau*, near *Mentz*, and the Lieuteuant General Count *Leopold de Daun*, with all the Companies of Grenadiers, to the Country about *Stockſtadt*, in order to ſupport the Paſſage which General *Bernclau* was to attempt on the Side of *Weiſenau*. The reſt of the Army was placed along the *Rhine* in Diviſions, after the Manner ſet forth in the Liſt annexed to this Account, in order to be at hand to ſupport that Corps which ſhould paſs the firſt.

General *Nadaſti* attempted the Paſſage the firſt, having made ſo good Diſpoſitions, that the Pontons were already arrived at *Schreck* upon the 30th of *June* at Night; and having had Advice, that the *Bavarian* Troops had the Day before abandoned the advantageous Camp which they had under *Philipsbourg*, fortified with a prodigious Number of Works, and had retired, with the greateſt Precipitation, to the other Side of the *Rhine*, he cauſed Lieutenant Colonel Baron *Trenck*, with his Pandours, to embark in the

Boats: The Baron was the firſt to leap into them, and ſo encouraged his Soldiers, that without loſing a ſingle Man, and without finding any Reſiſtance, he gain'd the oppoſite Shore of the *Rhine*. The Militia of *Karelſtadt*, and the Waradins, with 40 Huſſars Vounteers, followed the Pandours with the like Succeſs, under the Command of Major Count *de Straſoldo*.

General *Nadaſti* having given his Serene Highneſs Information thereof, with an Aſſurance that he believed he might depend upon the entire Execution of the Paſſage, and that he hoped to finiſh the Bridge very ſoon, having ſet People to work at it with all the Diligence poſſible, the Prince gave immediate Orders for the Troops that were poſted from *Neudorff* to *Stockſtadt*, to advance, with all the Expedition poſſible, towards *Schreck*, to ſupport the Attempt.

Whilſt the Pandours and the other Militia were paſſing the *Rhine*, General *Nadaſti*'s People had work'd with ſo much Succeſs at the Bridge, that it was finiſhed much ſooner than was expected, and Yeſterday, about Eleven in the Morning, the Troops under this General, conſiſting of about 6000 Men, had all paſſed over without the leaſt Accident. The Regular Troops, which were encamped between *Roth* and *Reittingen*, under the Command of the Prince of *Waldeck*, at the ſame Time made ſo much Haſte, that they arrived at *Schreck* before Eleven at Night, and without ſtopping, they filed off directly over the Bridge.

As ſoon as Lieutenant-Colonel Baron *Trenk* had landed his Men, he immediately puſh'd the advanced Poſts of the Enemy with ſo much Vigour, that he purſued them to their Camp, which was half a League from the *Rhine*, where, having immediately attacked three Regiments of *Bavarian* Cavalry, *viz.* the Horſe Grenadiers, the Prince of *Taxis*'s Regiment, and the Regiment of *Ottingen*, he put them in like Manner to Flight, after having diſlodged them from two Redouts and one Intrenchment. A great Number of the Enemy were killed and wounded, and the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Horſe-Grenadiers, with 37 Troopers, were made Priſoners. They ſo little expected this ſudden Attack, that without having Time to ſtrike their Tents, they were forced to abandon their Camp to the Pandours, who pillaged it.

As ſoon as his Highneſs heard of this Advantage, he gave Orders for throwing another Bridge over the *Rhine* at *Schreck* immediately, and having marched with the whole Army upon the firſt of this Month at Night from *Ladenbourg*, he arrived with it here Yeſterday about Nine o'Clock in the Morning, where he cauſed the Regiments to file off together over the firſt Bridge. The Second was finiſhed about Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, partly by the Help of 13 Boats which were taken the Day before from the *French*.

In the mean while, his Serene Highneſs received Advice Yeſterday Night from General *Bernclau*, that, notwithſtanding ſome Oppoſition made by the Enemy, he had alſo ſucceeded in his Attempt to paſs the *Rhine* upon the Firſt of this Month at Night with his whole Corps below *Stockſtadt*, near *Weiſenau*, Part in Barks, and Part over the two Bridges which he had cauſed to be laid there. The Enemy were repulſed there with ſo much Courage, that they

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not only took to Flight, but abandoned the Town of *Oppenheim*, with the Loſs of a great many Magazines, in order to get to *Worms*, towards which Place, according to later Advice, he is purſuing them with ſo much Diligence, that he has already driven them to the Neighbourhood of it.

Whilſt General *Bernclau* was executing the Paſſage, the General Count *de Daun* being poſted with all the Companies of Grenadiers, and 600 Militia of the *Theiſs*, in the Iſland of *Maulber*, near *Stockſtadt*, kept the Enemy at Bay by a continual Fire of Small Shot and Cannon, and by 13 little Barks which he had with him, without any other Loſs than of two Grenadiers, and two of the Militia of the *Theiſs* killed, and eleven others wounded.

This General having received Orders to repair hither in order to follow the Army, which is on the other Side of the *Rhine*, and having thereupon marched himſelf, and all his Grenadiers, he is expected at *Schreck* To-morrow, having left the 600 Militia, under the Command of their Major, in the Iſland of *Maulber*, to guard the Bridge.

Although General *Nadaſti* had encamped with his Huſſars very advantageouſly on the other Side the *Rhine* near *Leimerſheim*, having placed the Pandours and other irregular Troops in a more advanced Poſt in a neighbouring Wood, in order to get near to, and fall upon the *Bavarian* Infantry, which is behind this Wood in a Camp intrenched amongſt the Marſhes, nevertheleſs, upon Advice that the Lines of *Lauterbourg* were but weakly provided, his Highneſs thought proper to order this General to march with the Huſſars, Pandours, and other irregular Troops, reinforced with the *Hungarian* Regiments of *Forgatch* and *Joſeph Eſterhaſi*, towards theſe Lines, in order to endeavour to make himſelf Maſter of them, whereof the Event is expected.

The haſty Departure of the Count *de Roſieres* did not allow Time to enter into all the Particulars, but they will be related hereafter in a Journal. In the mean while, the good Diſpoſitions, the indefatigable Care, and the great Valour of General *Nadaſti*, cannot be ſufficiently commended, for to him the happy Paſſage at *Schreck* is principally owing. Nor can too much be ſaid in Praiſe of Lieutenant Colonel *Trenck*, who contributed extremely to this Paſſage of the *Rhine*, and the fixing of the Bridges, by the Prudence and Courage with which he led on his Pandours, and repulſed the Enemy.

His Serene Highneſs will put every Thing in Practice to make the beſt Uſe of this firſt Succeſs, and to puſh on with Vigour the further Operations of the Campaign, and ſo much the more, as by his Poſition all Communication between the *French* Army and *Alſace* is entirely cut off.

Poſts where the Troops of Her Majeſty the Queen of Hungary *and* Bohemia *were placed before the Paſſage of the* Rhine.

1. General *Bernclau*, with the Vanguard on the Side of *Stockſtadt* upon the *Rhine*, ten Leagues from *Ladenbourg*.

2. The Troops of Grenadiers under the Command of General *Daun*, at *Hain*, a League from *Stockſtadt*.

3. The Corps under General *Bernes* above *Lorſche*, four Leagues from the ſaid Grenadiers.

4. At *Upper Lambert*, General *Schulembourg* with the Right Wing of the firſt Line of Infantry, half a League from the ſaid Corps under General *Bernes*.

5. At *Ladenbourg*, the Infantry of the Center, under the Command of General *Grume*, three Quarters of a League from General *Schulenbourg*'s Poſt.

6. In the ſame Camp near *Ladenbourg* were alſo the Regiments of Dragoons of *Saxe-Gotha*.

7. Under the Walls of *Ladenbourg* was Lieutenant-Colonel *de Feverſtein* with a Part of the Artillery.

8. Beyond the *Neckar*, near the Bridge of Boats, the General Count *de Konigſegg*, with the Right Wing of the Infantry of the ſecond Line.

9. Before the Corps of Count *de Konigſegg*, the General *de Philibert* with two Regiments of Cuiraſſiers of the Right Wing of the firſt Line.

10. At *Neckerau*, Baron *Trenck* with his Pandours.

11. At the Bridge of *Ketſch*, two Leagues from *Neckerau*, General *Balayra*, with two Regiments of Dragoons.

12. At *Reittingen* and *Roth*, the two Lines of the Left Wing, as well of the Infantry as of the Cavalry, with the Body of the ſecond Line.

13. At half a League from *Reittingen*, near the Village of *Calabria*, called *Neuloſen*, the General St. *Ignon*, with two Regiments of Dragoons of the *Corps de Reſerve*.

14. A League on this Side, near *Waghauſel*, the Regiment of Huſſars of *Feſtititz*.

15. Near *Neudorff*, General *Nadaſti*, with ſome Regiments of Huſſars, and the *Waradin* Infantry.

Moſcow, June 6.

The following is a Tranſlation of a Reſcript ſent by her Imperial Majeſty to her Miniſters at Foreign Courts.

Although the Marquis *de la Chetardie*, Brigadier of the *French* Armies, having reſided here till the preſent Time, as a private Perſon, and without any publick Character, does not conſequently deſerve that Regard which is due, according to the Law of Nations, to the Miniſters of Crowned Heads, in the Courts of *Europe*; nevertheleſs her Imperial Majeſty of all the *Ruſſias*, hath ordered, that Mr. *N. N.* ſhould be acquainted in a proper Manner, that the ſaid Marquis, after his Return to the Imperial Court of *Ruſſia*, inſtead of making ſuitable Returns to the Diſtinctions, which have been ſhown him heretofore, and till this preſent Time, (of which the Foreign Miniſters have all been Eyewitneſſes) and for which his Sentiments of Reſpect towards her Imperial Majeſty, ought to have been redoubled, has ſo far forgot

got himſelf, (certainly without the Orders of the King his Maſter) as not only to endeavour to corrupt the Fidelity of many Perſons, and of the Clergy, to form a Party to himſelf, and to overthrow the Miniſtry, but has alſo gone ſo far as to have written from hence many unworthy Things, which not only cannot be permitted any where, but which alſo cannot be ſubmitted to by any Sovereign, as many of his Diſpatches in Original, which this Court is in Poſſeſſion of, do inconteſtably prove.

Her Imperial Majeſty notwithſtanding, according to her natural Magnanimity, would not proceed with him, the Marquis *de la Chetardie*, according to his Guilt, and after the Manner that his unexpected Behaviour deſerved, and the Right it had given her over him; but generouſly forgetting her juſt Indignation, and that he is without any publick Character, and a private Perſon, hath ordered him to depart, without ſeeing any Body, in twenty-four Hours Time, from this Capital, and to quit the Empire as ſoon as poſſible.

As to the reſt, her Imperial Majeſty being perſuaded, that it is without the Orders, and contrary to the Intentions of the King, that the Marquis *de la Chetardie* hath acted here in a Manner as raſh as unuſual for a Stranger, hath not any Intention to diminiſh, the leaſt in the World, the Friendſhip which ſubſiſts between her and his Majeſty the King of *France*, for the Fault which one of his Subjects hath committed; but, on the contrary, ſhe will always take a Pleaſure in cultivating that Friendſhip more and more.

Turin, June 20.

LAST *Wedneſday* arrived a Meſſenger from *Gareſio*, with Advice, that the *Spaniards* grew every Day ſtronger at *Oneglia*, *Diano*, and *Port Maurice*, having been join'd by 2500 *Spaniſh* Horſe, which were incamp'd about *Oneglia*. They have ſuffer'd conſiderably in ſeveral Skirmiſhes upon the Mountains there, and are conſtantly haraſs'd by the Peaſants of the Country.

On the 12th, 200 Miquelets and 300 Grenadiers, conducted by two *Genoeſe* Mountaineers, advanced under the Mill of *Grella*, to ſeize that Poſt, and to ſurprize a Body of Militia; but theſe laſt defended themſelves ſo bravely, that after killing the two Guides and a great many of the Enemy, they repulſed and purſued them as far as *Ulcedo*.

The *Spaniards*, in order to have their Revenge, returned in greater Numbers, but were again repulſed with more Loſs, having had 50 of their Company killed, and 200 wounded; whereas our Militia had only four killed, and eight wounded.

On *Thurſday* arrived another Meſſenger from *Gareſio*, with Advice, that the *Spaniards* ſeemed inclined to abandon *Oneglia*: And Yeſterday Afternoon came in a Courier from *Savorgio*, with the News that they had actually abandon'd it, and were returning by the Road of *Nice*.

The ſame Courier added, that they had likewiſe abandon'd, with great Precipitation, *Dolce-Aqua*, *Peglia*, *Breglia*, and *Soſpello*: This unexpected Revolution gives Cauſe to think, that the *Spaniards*, finding themſelves too weak, have a Mind to rejoin the *French*, who are in *Dauphiné*, in order to the Execution of their

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new Deſign of coming to attack us on the Sides of *Coni* and *Chateau Dauphin*.

This Morning we have farther Advice, that two *French* Battalions, who had joined the *Spaniards*, were haſtening their March to paſs the *Var* at the ſame Time.

Milan, June 21.

BY an extraordinary Courier arrived To-day from *Turin*, with a Letter from Marquis *d'Ormea* to General *Pallavicini*, we are informed of the Advantages gained over the *Spaniards* in their Retreat from *Oneglia*. The Marquis de *Sinſan*, Commander of ſix *Piedmonteſe* Battalions, who were at *Gareſio* and at *Ormea*, and who was in March to take Poſſeſſion of ſome Poſts, hearing of the Retreat of the *Spaniards* from *Oneglia*, made forced Marches in Purſuit of them, and having come up with them, charged them with ſo much Bravery, that they finding themſelves ſurprized, were ſoon put into Confuſion; and 5000 Militia, who very opportunely guarded the *Piedmonteſe* Mountains along the Road thro' which the *Spaniards* were obliged to make their Retreat, having taken them in Flank, greatly increaſed their Diſorder, ſo that being purſued by the Marquis de *Sinſan*, and taken in Flank by the Militia, the whole Body, compoſed of 12 Battalions, of one Regiment of Dragoons, and of a Battalion of Miquelets, was totally defeated, one Part having been killed, and the other taken, with the Baggage, and very few having the good Fortune to eſcape.

The *Piedmonteſe* have again enter'd *Oneglia* with their Booty, and are repoſſeſſing themſelves of all the Poſts in that Neighbourhood. The Enemy left in *Oneglia* and *Dolce-Aqua* 1800 Sacks of Flower, 400 Tents, 220 Barrils of Powder, and other Proviſions and Ammunition. They have alſo abandoned at *Ulcedo* 237 of their Wounded.

Monday next the King will ſet out for *Demont* and *Exilles*. His heavy Baggage takes the Route of *Chateau-Dauphin*, and the Duke of *Savoy* will make two Months Campaign with the King.

Ten Thouſand Militia, and a Brigade of Regular Troops, are going to join M. *de Corban*, who commands on the Side of *Savorgio*, in the County of *Nice*.

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